

## OIE Code Blue tongue surveillance appendix

### Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission Report – October 2006

#### Suggested language:

Article 3.X.X.4.

#### Surveillance strategies

The target population for surveillance aimed at identification of *disease* and/or *infection* should cover susceptible domestic ruminants within the country, *zone* or *compartment*. Active and passive surveillance for BTV infection should be ongoing. Surveillance should be composed of random or targeted approaches using virological, serological and clinical methods appropriate for the infection status of the country or *zone*.

The strategy employed may be based on randomised ~~sampling~~ sampling surveillance requiring ~~surveillance~~ surveillance sampling consistent with demonstrating the absence of BTV infection at an acceptable level of confidence. The frequency of sampling should be dependent on the epidemiological situation. Random surveillance is conducted using serological tests described in the *Terrestrial Manual*. Positive serological results may be followed up with virological methods as appropriate.

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**Rationale:** The United States believe that the original text is the text that should be retained. The new wording that is proposed by the Code Commission seems to indicate that one would be randomly doing surveillance (doing one thing one day and doing something else the next with no organized plan). The sampling is what is done randomly, so the original text is the one that needs to be retained.